

## **REMARKS**

Claims 9-45 are pending in the application. The Examiner objects to claims 16, 24, 25, 31,-34, 37, 42 and 43. Claims 9-15, 17-23, 26-30, 35, 36, 44 and 45, stand rejected, and claim 16, 24, 25, 31-34, 37, 42 and 43 stands allowable if rewritten to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

## **ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

The Examiner concludes that claims 16, 24, 25, 31-34, 37, 42, and 43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claim 9 to incorporate the elements of cancelled claims 15 and claim 16, which arrangement has is considered allowable. Applicant has amended claim 36 to include the elements of cancelled claim 37, which arrangement is considered allowable.

## **CONCLUSION**

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the application is in a condition for allowance. Applicant files herewith a request for extension of time and the associated fee for filing this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **13-0010 (IO-1013US)**.

Respectfully submitted,

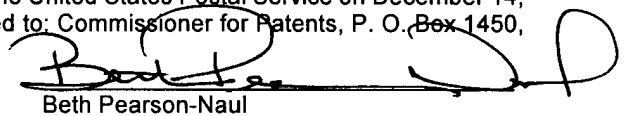
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